



## TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER CONNECTICUT

P.O. Box 216, 44 Main Street South, Bridgewater CT 06752

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**Board of Finance**  
**Town of Bridgewater, CT**  
**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 20, 2024**

Board Members Present: Tom Presby, Dennis MacDonald, Chuck Harris, Walter Barlow, Diane McNulty and Jean Robinson

Guests: First Selectman, Curtis Read; Treasurer, Susan Wilcox; and Region 12 Representatives: Lorrie Rodrigue, Interim Superintendent, Nicole Grant, CFO and Alex McNaughton, Region 12 Board of Education member

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman, Tom Presby, called the Meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

### **REVIEW MINUTES**

Reviewed January 17, 2024 meeting minutes.

### **MOTION**

Chuck Harris made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 17, 2024 meeting, Jean Robinson seconded, all voted in favor, so moved.

### **REPORT FROM THE FIRST SELECTMAN**

Curtis Read provided an update on the status of the Library roof, elevator and water projects (including STEEP grants), the Grange garden, the Veteran's Kiosk in the Library, the Captain's House, drainage issues with our roads, new Presidential voting procedures and security, police plans for equipment to monitor speeding, and various budget requests.

Curtis also reported that Roxbury has agreed to take on the management of Regional Animal Control.

### **DISCUSSION OF REGION 12 BUDGET FOR 2024/2025**

Lorrie Rodrigue and Nicole Grant discussed their proposed budget, in which they are requesting a 4.26% increase. The main reasons for the increase, in addition to



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increasing costs due to inflation, are to: a) fund enhanced security, including an armed security officer at each of the three elementary schools; b) hire a math interventionist and a part time music teacher; and c) fund a science enrichment program for grades 4-5.

### **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF PROJECTED ACTUAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR**

Discussed and reviewed projected actual expenditures for the current fiscal year. Tom Presby will circulate an updated version.

Curtis Read will create a written policy for use of the Town Van.

### **STATUS OF BUDGET PREPARATION AND PLANNING OF SPECIAL MEETINGS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE BUDGET PROCESS**

Reviewed early budget draft. Curtis Read, Susan Wilcox and Ann Marie Wagner will review/revise and recirculate before our Special Meeting next Wednesday, March 27 at 4pm.

We will schedule further Special Meetings thereafter as needed.

### **REPORT FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR AND RELATED APPROVAL OF SUSPENDED ACCOUNTS**

Reviewed Tax Collector reports.

#### **MOTION**

Dennis MacDonald made a motion to approve the Tax Collector's Suspense list as proposed by the Tax Collector. Diane McNulty seconded. All voted in favor, so moved.

### **APRIL ARPA FINAL REPORT TO THE US TREASURY**

#### **MOTIONS**

Diane McNulty made the following two motions:

- 1) to approve the allocation in FY 2023-24 of the remaining \$78,165 American Rescue Plan Act funds received by Bridgewater to Government Services Expenditures in Budget Account #705-Town Roads.



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- 2) to release the remaining funds plus accumulated interest to the town General Fund.

Walter Barlow seconded both motions, all voted in favor, so moved.

### REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

Reviewed fiscal year to date revenues and expenses.

### MOTIONS

Jean Robinson made the following three motions:

- 1) to move \$10,000 from Budget Account #1035-Assessor-Consultant to Budget Account #6-Assessor-Salary.
- 2) to move \$9,000 from Budget Account #327-Town Police-Constables-Hourly to Budget Account #156-Town Police Equipment/Uniforms/Office Supplies.
- 3) to move \$12,800 from Budget Account #312-Contingency to Budget Account #43-Town Van-Drivers.

Chuck Harris seconded all three motions, all voted in favor, so moved.

### ANY ISSUE THAT ANY MEMBER MAY WISH TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD (by 2/3 vote)

None.

### MOTION

A motion to adjourn at 6:20 PM was offered by Dennis MacDonald and seconded by Walter Barlow. Unanimously approved.

BOF will hold a special meeting next Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. The next BOF Regular Meeting is May 15<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Jean Robinson